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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 26, 2001, at 2 p.m.

## Senate

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2001

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable GEORGE ALLEN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Providential Lord of History, we prepare for the forthcoming Presidents' weekend and the Senate's subsequent recess by expressing our gratitude for the way You have raised up great Presidents to lead us in each stage of our progress as a nation. Today we remember the faith in You that produced the greatness of Washington and Lincoln. Reverently, we recall Washington's confession of faith, "Providence has at all times been my only dependence," he said, "for all other sources seem to have failed us." And we call to mind Lincoln's declaration of dependence, "I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go." The same affirmation of trust in You has been sounded by dynamic Presidents throughout our nation's history.

Thank You for Your hand upon President George W. Bush. Bless him as he expresses his trust in You in these strategic days of his Presidency. We praise You for the integrity of authentic faith expressed by the women and men of this Senate. It is with gratitude that we will say "one nation under God, indivisible" when we give our allegiance to the flag this morning. This is a nation You have blessed; we will rejoice and be glad to serve in it! Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable GEORGE ALLEN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, February 15, 2001.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable GEORGE ALLEN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. ALLEN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The assistant majority leader, the Senator from Oklahoma, is recognized.

### THE CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, first I wish to thank our Chaplain. He gives

us daily blessings by beginning the Senate with a prayer. He does it so eloquently and so well; many of us almost take it for granted. But I wish to personally thank him for his dedication and his thoughtfulness. I think his construction of the prayers is a blessing to the Senate but, frankly, I think to our country as well.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. NICKLES. Today the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 1 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate can be expected to consider any number of the following matters: the bill honoring our former colleague, Senator Paul Coverdell; a resolution relative to the energy crisis on the west coast; and/or the nomination of Joseph Allbaugh to head the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Therefore, votes can be expected to occur during today's session.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a time for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 1 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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